

THE PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, WINCHCOMBE

With St Joseph's, Tewkesbury

Chandos Street, Winchcombe GL54 5HX Clifton Catholic Diocese Registered Charity No. 1170168
Also serving St Michael's Shared Anglican Roman Catholic Church, Bishop's Cleeve GL52 8BA

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[YEAR A – Psalter 1]

Sunday 26 th	Saint Joseph's 9.00am <i>Intention: Pat Bradshaw RIP</i>
	Saint Nicholas' 11.00am
Monday 27 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass Rosary 7.00pm [Fr Peter]
Tuesday 28 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time NO SERVICES
Wednesday 29 th	MEMORIAL OF ST MARTHA St Joseph's 10.00am
Thursday 30 th	Weekday in Ordinary Time St Nicholas' 10.00am
Friday 31 st	MEMORIAL ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA No Mass
Saturday 1 st	MEMORIAL OF ST ALPHONSUS MARY LIGUORI, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH No Mass

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[YEAR A – Psalter 2]

Sunday 2 nd	Saint Joseph's 9.00am
	Saint Nicholas' 11.00am

Father Tony continues to record and post a Homily each week. If you have a mobile phone/computer to allow you to join in, contact the office or speak to Carol Baker to arrange for them to be sent to you.

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Live Masses continue to be relayed from many churches, including Clifton Cathedral

Go to [www: cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) or www.churchservices.tv

In our own churches we are taking every precaution to keep safe, with social distancing, stewarding and thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the building before and after each service. If you need further reassurance, please phone Carol Baker 01242 621204

The Word – 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

[1 Kings 3:5, 7-12] Solomon did not pray for riches or for a long and trouble-free life. Closest to his heart was this: to be a good king to his people.

[Romans 8: 28-30] God our Father cherishes as his children all those who love Him.

[Matthew 13: 44-52] The greatest treasure in life is God's friendship. Those who realise this will go to any lengths to possess what they know to be most precious of all.

Diocesan Prayer Link: **All Salisbury parishes**



NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

CAFOD AND CORONA VIRUS +

There has been a very good response to the 'Cycling to Wales in a Day' challenge which Richard Sear will attempt this weekend to raise money for CAFOD as they fight against the pandemic across the world. Richard is geared up with a set of wheels and you can play your part via an online sponsoring facility <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-sear1> As of Tuesday this week he had raised £833 of his £1000 target. If you don't feel confident contributing on line, simply pop a cheque payable to CAFOD into the church office, marking the envelope. 'Richard's Cycle Ride'Our intrepid friend asks other parishioners to consider doing something a little 'off the wall' for CAFOD. Please let Chris Davies have a note about anything (small or large) that you are doing to help raise vital funds so that we can advertise and support your efforts.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS REMEMBERED THIS JULY +

Jack McCoull, Claire Massey, Librado Caravana, Josie Fallon, Jane Hall, David Mackie, Carrie Reese, James Fyall, Serena Tomaney, Fr Austin Tomaney, Donald Walters, Anna Lamarra, Margaret Bricknell.

ESSENTIAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE +

This week in the church car park, our more eagle-eyed parishioners might have noticed the replacement of a downpipe at the side of the church, adjacent to the boiler room. This work will stop rainwater penetrating the brickwork.

The Parish has been advised that the lightning conductor at St Nicholas does not meet the required standards. Unless this is rectified the electricians will be unable to issue the necessary certificate confirming our electrics meet standards. The rather 'shocking' cost of this work - to repair the lightning rod and make a suitable earth bond is over £2,000 and will need to start as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to consider making donations towards this unexpected cost. Gift aiding donations would increase the value by 25%.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION +

This July the Holy Father has asked us to pray for families –

“The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress...

Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children. The Church needs to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties. Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance, and especially, that they may be protected by the State”

GOSPEL REFLECTION +

Many of us have probably had those moments of dreaming that we have won the lottery or winning a big prize in some other set up. Such a prize could change our life. But is this really the pearl of great price that Jesus is speaking of? At the age of nine, a boy was asked this question during a story telling session. His thoughtful response to the question unnerved the facilitator who knew nothing about him. His reply? “My dad”. A year earlier, his father, a farmer, unable to deal with losing all his cattle to foot and mouth disease, had taken his own life. The little boy's loss was devastating. He knew that no money or prize could ever replace his father. For him his dad was the pearl of great price and he would have given everything to have him back. This is a sad, but true story but it gives us the opportunity to truly reflect on where our own treasure lies. What is it that we would give up everything for? Jesus offers himself to us. His presence in our lives is the true treasure.